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JOINT USIS/EMBASSY MESSAGE

1. THE NEWS OF JUDGE PEREIRA MANELLI'S RELEASE BY THE TUPAMAROS DOMINATED MONTEVIDEO NEWSI034.

2. ACCORDING TO ALL MONTEVIDEO NEWSPAPERS GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN REAFFIRMED PRESIDENT PACHECO ARECO'S POSITION AGAINST THE EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS FOR THE KIDNAPPED DIPLOMATS. URUGUAY'S FOREIGN MINISTER PEIRANO FACIO SAYS THAT THE PRESIDENT IS IN AGREEMENT WITH THE DECLARATION ISSUED BY THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR REJECTING THE EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS FOR MITRIONE AND THE BRAZILIAN CONSUL.

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3. THE NEWSPAPERS SAY THAT: 1) THERE IS NO STUDY GOING ON BY THE GOVERNMENT TO COMMUTE THE SENTENCE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS IN EXCHANGE FOR EXILE; 2) THE GOVERNMENT IS NOT IN FAVOR OF AN EXCHANGE; 3) THE TEN-POINT DELCARATION OF THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR ISSUED MONDAY, AUGUST 3 IS STILL IN EFFECT.

4. THE CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER BP COLOR ATTRIBUTES TO A PRESIDENTIAL SPOKESMAN THAT "NEITHER THE AMERICAN NOR THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT HAVE PRESSURED OR DEMANDED THAT URUGUAY ACCEDE TO THE PROPOSED EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS FOR THE KIDNAPPED DIPLOMATS".

5. THE ANTI-AMERICAN DAILY "EL DEBATE" IS OF THE OPINION THAT THERE ARE TWO DIFFERENT SCHOOLS OF THOUGHT IN THE GOVERNMENT. ONE OF THEM IS AGAINST THE EXCHANGE, THIS HAS THE BACKING OF THE INTERIOR MINISTRY. THE OTHER WHICH IS HEADED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER IS MORE FLEXIBLE AND WOULD ACCEPT AN EXCHANGE UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

6. "EL DEBATE" ANALYZES ALSO DAN MITRIONE'S ACTIVITIFS WITH THE POLICE AND STATES THAT "THE ACCUSATION OF FOREIGN ESPIONAGE IN THE MONTEVIDEO POLICE IS FELT IN THE POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE. HE IS A FOREIGN EMPLOYEE IN THE MIDDLE OF OUR SECURITY SYSTEM WHERE HE CAN GET TO VERY IMPORTANT STATE SECRETS AND LEAD REPRESSIVE OPERATIONS OF THE URUGUAYAN GOVERNMENT."

7. THE IDEA OF AN EXCHANGE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS FOR THE KIDNAPPED DIPLOMATS WAS KNOCKED DOWN BY ALMOST ALL NEWSPAPERS EXCEPT THE LEFTIST "YA".

8. COLORADO PARTY NEWSPAPER "EL DIARIO" STATES IT IS WILLING TO HAVE THE TUPAMAROS USE THE NEWSPAPER IN ORDER TO PRESENT ITS POLITICAL PLATFORM AND IDEAS AND THUS BECOME A LEGITIMATE PART OF THE POLITICAL SCENE.

9. COLORADO PARTY NEWSPAPER "ACCION" SA
VS THAT THE PROPOSED
BILL GIVING AMNESTY TO POLITICAL PRISONERS (TUPAMAROS) BEING HELD BY THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT HAVE A CHANCE OF SUCCESS IN THE PARLIAMENT.

10. THE PRO-ADMINISTRATION BLANCO PARTY PAPER "EL PAIS" STATES THAT "THE BRAZILIAN PARLIAMENT AND PRESS ARE PRESSURING THE PACHECO ARECO ADMINISTRATION TO EXCHANGE POLITICAL PRISONERS FOR THE LIFE OF ITS CONSUL".

11. THE LEFTIST AFTERNOON PAPER "YA" SAYS THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS SENT EIGHTY SECURITY AGENTS TO ASSIST IN THE SEARCH FOR MITRIONE.

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